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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

This constitutes an Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. The attached document listed on the accompanying "IDS List of References" (a substitute for Form PTO/SB/08) is hereby brought to the Examiner's attention in the patent application identified above.

REMARKS

The presently submitted reference, Cite No. F1 as listed on the IDS List of References, is not in English. This reference was cited in a communication issued on July 6, 2007 by the Chinese Patent Office in a counterpart Chinese application.

Concise Explanation of Relevance/Copy of Translation **Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)**

As a concise explanation of the relevance of the presently submitted Japanese-language reference, Cite No. F1, an English translation of the Chinese Patent Office communication in its entirety is submitted herewith. (A copy of the Chinese Patent Office communication in its entirety follows the English translation.)

Furthermore, an English abstract of Cite No. F1 is available on the Japanese Patent Office website through Patent Abstracts of Japan (PAJ), and a copy of the corresponding PAJ abstract is attached to the front of the reference.

STATEMENT AS SPECIFIED IN 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

The undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than 3 months prior to the filing of this statement.

(This statement is being filed on Tuesday, October 9, 2007, the first business day following the Saturday, October 6, 2007 date that is three calendar months from the mailing date of the Chinese Patent Office communication, with Monday, October 8, 2007 having been a federal holiday.)

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider this reference, and to indicate so on the accompanying IDS List of References and make the document of record in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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